September 1, 2023

**Clarification III: Question and Answer**

**Ref: Bid #223-43 – Air Filters**

Grand Valley State University has received the following questions in regard to our request for proposal(s) for Air Filters. Please reference questions and answers listed below.

**Question 1** # 4 pleated filters shall be 100 % mechanical synthetic media.

The Columbus ind pleats are not a mechanical media. They are a changed media to get to the MERV-10. The true mechanical MERV-10A pleats are more expensive. Do you want a changed media or a true mechanical MERV-10A as the spec reads. The Columbus brand is actually a mechanical MERV-8A.

**Answer:** Please bid a true mechanical MERV-10A as the spec reads

**Question** **2** # 16 on the information and instruction sheet states Grand Valley endeavors to buy products made in the USA whenever possible. The Columbus brand filters are made in Mexico.

**Answer:** Grand Valley State University endeavors to buy product made in the United States of America whenever an American-made\* product is available that meets or exceed the specifications requested, and the price is equal to or lower than a foreign-made product. Vendors are request to bid American-made products and/or services whenever available. Vendors may bid foreign-made products or services when:

a. They are specified

b. They are identified as an alternate by the vendor as long as they are technically acceptable.

 \*More than 50% of the manufactured or assembled in the United States.

Thank you for your participation,

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